Integration of Industrial Data for Exchange Access and Sharing: Architecture Description

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Current SC4 Problems

- Incompatible set of standards
- AP-Interoperability
- Product Centricity
- Information Exchange vs Information Sharing
- File exchange vs data consolidation



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Requirements

- Provide an integration platform for SC4 standards, and with non-SC4 standards
- Support Data Integration & Sharing
 - Encoding/decoding data elements
 - Consolidation of different data sets
 - Integration of different data models
 - Use of different data modelling languages



SC4 Data Architecture Summary (1)

- An additional (SC4) architecture for industrial data, not "the new STEP architecture"
 - · need not impact any other SC4 standard
 - other standards may migrate towards the new architecture as they see fit
- Designed to enable the integration/translation of data from/between any STEP AP, P-LIB, MANDATE, Oil and Gas, any other model



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SC4 Data Architecture Summary (2)

- Key aspects of the architecture will be
 - An Integration Model based on generic ideas
 - Extensibility required
 - Integration methodology required
 - Potential new implementation methods for data sharing and integration
 - Application View & Application Data Model
 - Projection Capability
 - Translation Capability between terminologies



What is an "Integration Model"?

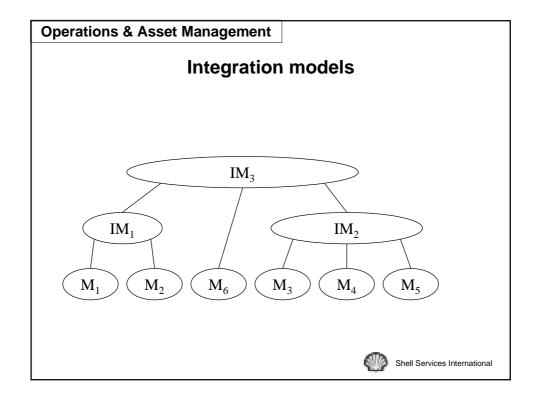
• Integration model should provide a basis for:

- modelling at different levels of abstraction
- · managing change to the model
- · modelling of constraints
- use of multiple modelling languages

Based on generic modelling concepts

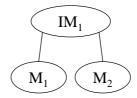
- "Ontological" approach
- Exploiting practical research results from computer science, AI, and philosophy





Integration and external models

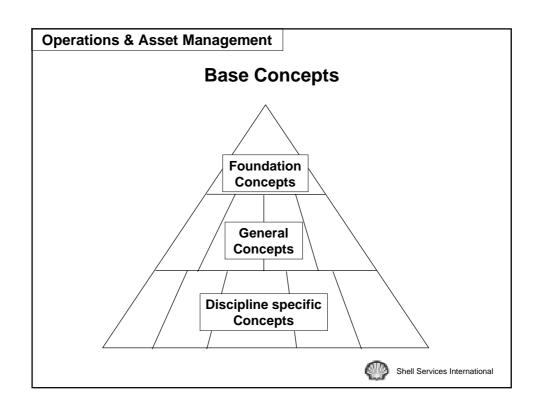
- "Mapping" process involves some or all of:
 - subsetting
 - extension
 - projection
 - transformation
 - translation
 - encoding

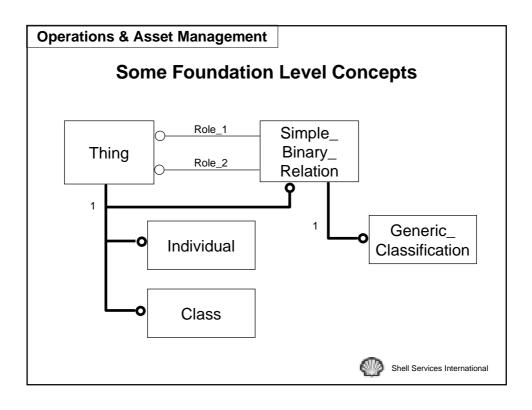


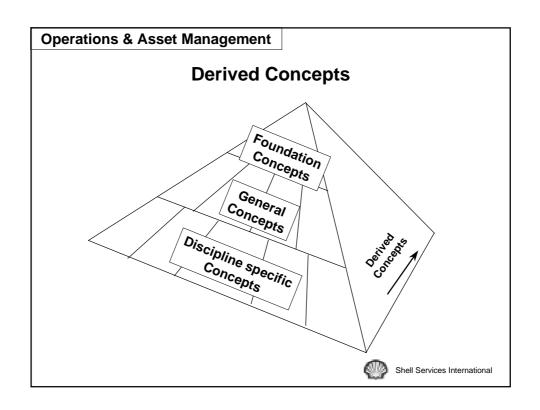


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Mapping to a Conceptual Model Consolidate Conceptual Model Mapping Mapping External Model Shell Services International



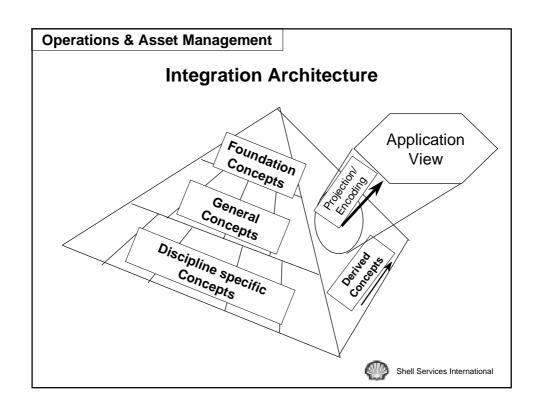


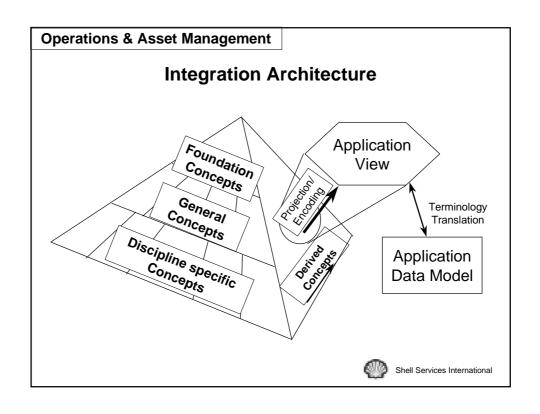


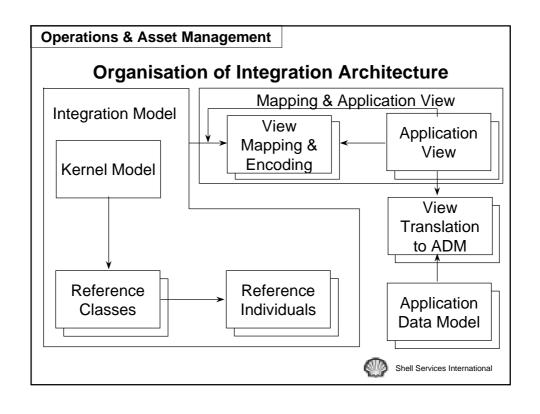
Application View

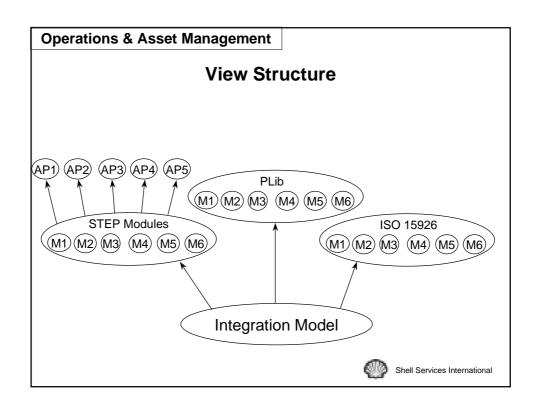
- Subset of Integration Model
- May have additional constraints
- May have projection to "flat" model(s)
- May be mapped to external model
 - usually simple mapping
 - e.g. STEP APs, PLib, MANDATE, UML models











Time Scales (Provisional)

- New Work Item Targeted for Q1 2000
 - To include Working Draft of some parts
- Committee Draft 2001
- Draft International Standard 2003
- International Standard 2005
 - · Initial parts only



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Progress

- Requirements for EXPRESS identified
- Integration Model initial layers drafted
- Integration methodology drafted



Next Steps

- Demonstration
- Review Methodology and Integration Models
- Prepare NWI documents

